

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. As the Examiner will note by reference to the Claim Amendments made above, Claim 8 has been amended with an eye to addressing the issue raised by Examiner. Hopefully, the Examiner will agree with the entry in the amendment to Claim 8 that this ground for rejection has been overcome.

With respect to the Examiner's prior art rejections, it is noted that Claims 4 and 5 were not rejected, and indeed, the Examiner indicated that they were directed to allowable subject matter in Part 5 of the Official Action. As the Examiner will note by reference to the Claim Amendments made above, the subject matter of Claim 4 (and Claim 3, upon which Claim 4 was dependent) has been carried over into Claim 1 as amended. As such, it is believed that Claim 1, being of the same scope as originally presented in Claim 4, should now be in condition for allowance. Since the subject matter of Claims 3 and 4 have been carried over into Claim 1, those two Claims may be cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 5, which was heretofore dependent upon Claim 5, has been amended to depend from Claim 1 instead.

With the entry of these amendments, this Application should now be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.



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